

The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows for our play,  
The rushes by the water,  
To gather every day.

*CHORUS*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell,  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.

*CHORUS*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues  
but do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy  
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move  
mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do  
not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, is not pompous,  
it is not inflated, it is not rude,  
it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over  
wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.  
It bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.  
Love never fails.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Response: Thanks be to God.*

### PSALM

Psalm 32(33):12,18,20-21,22. R. v.5b

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.  
The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love.

*Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
In him do our hearts find joy.  
We trust in his holy name.

*Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love.*

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

*Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love*

### GOSPEL

9. John 15:12-16

What I command you is to love one another

Jesus said to his disciples:

"This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's  
business;  
I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my  
Father.  
You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear  
fruit, fruit that will last;  
and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.'  
The Gospel of the Lord

*Response: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.*

## HOMILY

### THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

### THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF RINGS

#### THE BIDDING PRAYERS

##### **Our Father**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## Nuptial Blessing

### HYMN

Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning  
When the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon  
And the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven  
And I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem  
I had my birth.

### CHORUS:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he*

I danced for the scribe,  
And the pharisee,  
But they would not dance,  
And they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
For James and John  
They came with me  
And the Dance went on.

### CHORUS

I danced on the Sabbath,  
And I cured the lame,